

Approved September 23, 2010

**Rockville Environment Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, August 10, 2010
At the Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue**

Attendance

Commissioners: Julie Carr, David Davis, Kris Dighe, Christine Davidson-McCord, Tolu Odunlami, and Donna Vincent Roa

Absent: Seth Adams, Steve Cardon, Beri Kravitz

Guest: Mark Charles, City of Rockville Environmental Management

Anne Goodman - Prospective Commissioner

Alicia Hosmer - Prospective Commissioner

Vinny Magno – Prospective Commissioner

Shannon Shea – Prospective Commissioner

Joyce Yang – Prospective Student Commissioner

David Zbarsky – Prospective Student Commissioner

Meeting Commencement

The meeting convened at 7:37 pm by Chair Dighe

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by acclamation with no changes.

Interview with Potential Commissioners

Commissioners met and asked questions of Anne Goodman, Alicia Hosmer, Vinny Magno, Shannon Shea, and Joyce Yang. David Zbarsky had been interviewed in July and was present as an observer only. Each candidate was given 15 minutes to discuss their respective background, interests and strengths. Each was also asked if they had a project they thought the Commission should pursue. Finally each was asked what Committee was of most interest to them. Each candidate applicant had an opportunity to ask the Commissioners questions as well.

Remembering Carl Henn

Commissioners considered several ways to remember and mark the passing of former Commissioner Carl Henn, including the following:

- Renaming and bestowing the first *Carl Henn Outstanding Individual Environmental Achievement Award* to Carl Henn posthumously.
- Renaming the Millenium bike Trail after Mr. Henn
- Naming an unnamed tributary of Cabin John Creek (through USGS) after Mr. Henn
- Sponsoring an annual forum in Mr. Henn's memory
- Sponsoring an annual bike event on Rockville Pike

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- Renaming a community garden after Mr. Henn (if the family thought that appropriate)

After deliberation, a motion was made by Roa and seconded by Davis to rename and bestow the environmental achievement award to Mr. Henn. The motion carried unanimously. Upon further deliberation, a motion was made by Roa and seconded by Carr that the Commission recommend the Mayor and Council rename the Millennium Bike Trail in Mr. Henn's memory. The motion passed unanimously. The Commission intends to approach the Parks Board to seek its endorsement of this gesture.

Executive Session

The Commission went into executive session to discuss the Commissioner candidates. At the end of the discussion, the Commissioners voted unanimously to recommend that the Mayor nominate David Zbarsky as the new Student Commissioner to replace David Davis. Mr. Charles will forward that recommendation to the City Clerk's office.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm by unanimous acclamation.

Next Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:30 pm** at **Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue**, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

Follow Up/Action Items:

- Mr. Charles will prepare a proposal to rename the Millennium Trail in honor of Mr. Henn and forward it to Commissioners for approval before sending it to the City Manager and the Mayor and Council and the Parks Board.
- Mark Charles will forward to the City Clerk's office the Commission recommendation that David Zbarsky be nominated as the new Student Commissioner to replace David Davis.
- Commissioners should review and comment on the *Revised Draft Water Resources Element* no later than the end of September 2010.